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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF
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INSTALLATION: Search for Uranium Mining BRIEF NO.: B-87-57
Activity

LOCATION:	Transcaucasus, USSR.	DATE:	16 September 1957
B.E. NUMBER:	None	LAT.:	38°45'-41°00'N
WAC NUMBER:	325,339, 340	LONG.:	43°30'-47°00'E

REFERENCES:

Map: AMS Series N501, Sheets NJ 38-3, NJ 38-4, NK 38-11,
Scale 1:250,000.

AMS Series K502, Sheets NJ 38-2, NJ 38-7, NK 38-10,
Scale 1:250,000.

Other: U.S. Geological Survey. Uranium and Thorium Resources
of the Communist Countries, Part II, 16 Aug. 1954. (S)

ENCLOSURE: Map of Caucasus region, USSR, showing area searched.

REQUIREMENT HTA/SI/R29/57: Search photography of Transcaucasus
region for any evidence of uranium mining activity.

REMARKS:

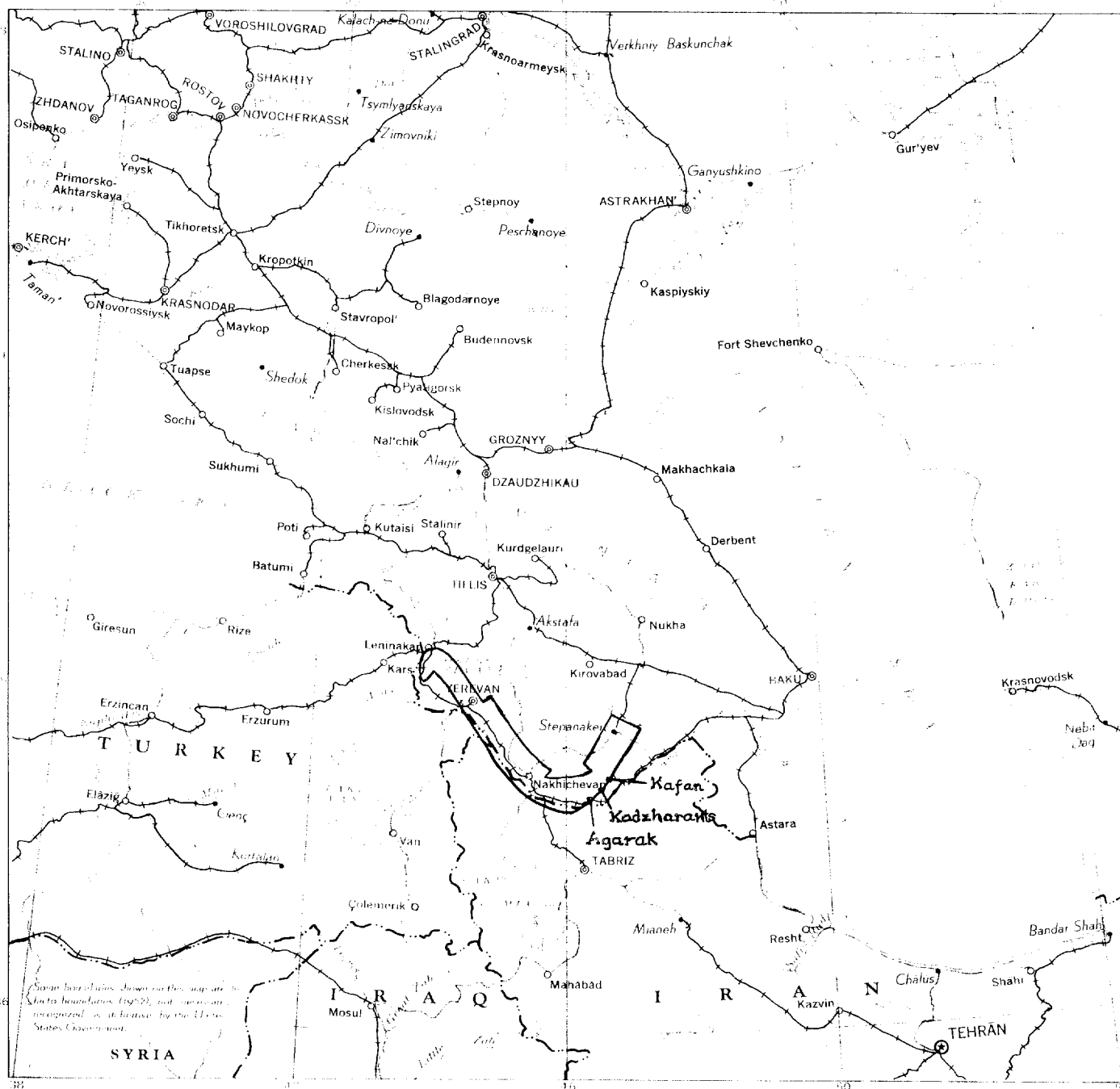
No evidence of uranium mining activity was observed in the portion of
the Transcaucasus region covered by [] photography. This
photography covered an area approximately 250 miles long and 25 miles
wide near the Iran-Turkey-USSR border (see accompanying map).

The comprehensive U.S. Geological Survey report on the uranium and
thorium deposits of the USSR indicates that uranium may occur in association
with the copper-molybdenum deposits near Kafan (39°12'N-46°24'E). Large
open-pit and underground mines are evident at Kafan, Kadzharants (39°08'N-
46°06'E) and Agarak (38°55'N-46°13'E), but they appear to be primarily en-
gaged in the extraction of copper and molybdenum ores. There are no un-
usual secure areas or any photographic evidence of ore treatment which would
indicate the presence of uranium-bearing ores in this region.

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The same report indicates that uranium ore may also be found in association with the lead-zinc-manganese deposits in the vicinity of Nakhichevan (39°12'N-45°24'E), but there is no photographic evidence of the mining or milling of uranium-bearing ores in this area.

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□ Area searched for uranium mining activity

— International boundary

⊙ National capital

— Road (selected)

— Railroad (selected)

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0 100 200 300 Miles
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